

STUDENTS SHUT IT DOWN FOR PALESTINE WINTER BREAK PROP PACK



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#StudentsShutItDown4Palestine #ShutItDown4Palestine

THE SEMESTER ENDS BUT OUR FIGHT CONTINUES!

As the semester ends, the genocide rages on, and we must continue to organize and engage our communities to shut it down for Palestine through our independent advocacy. This toolkit invites chapters and individuals to engage their bases whether they are staying on campuses or going back home for the semester through utilizing various forms of messaging. This can look like wheatpasting, stickering, banner drops, and more! Consider sharing this toolkit with your general bodies and encourage them to take action from wherever they are! Many of these forms of actions listed in the toolkit only need a few people to execute, so whether the student body is together or separate during the break we must continue to shut it down! What you decide to do to shut it down is entirely up to you. **Be sure to take pictures of your actions and visual disruptions and share it with us using the hashtag #StudentsShutitDown4Palestine and tagging @nationalsjp!**

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1. WHEATPASTING

PREPARING THE WHEATPASTE

- ☐ 1) Gather ingredients: Wheat flour, water, and optional sugar or cornstarch
- ☐ 2) Mix ingredients
 - Combine two parts flour with three parts water
 - Add a little sugar or cornstarch if desired for extra stickiness
- ☐ 3) Cook the paste
 - Heat the mixture to a boil, stirring constantly to avoid lumps and prevent burning. As it thickens, add more water and continue to stir
 - Cook on low heat for about 30 minutes
- ☐ 4) Store the paste: Place the paste in sealed containers. If possible, store in a refrigerator

PRINTING POSTERS

- 1) Choose which designs to use:
 - You can use our custom [posters](#).
 - Remember, most people will see these from a distance, so make the headline huge and legible & use images that are simple, high-contrast, and equally large
- 2) Print out posters:
 - Different formats:
 - 8.5x11 sheets of paper
 - even smaller, 11x17 copies or printouts
 - several individual sheets that make a longer message/picture together
 - Opt for thin, cheap paper that absorbs moisture well and adheres to textured surfaces like brick and wood

PUTTING UP POSTERS

- 1) Prepare the surface
 - Clean the area where you'll be pasting the poster
 - Use chalk to outline the area where the print will be placed (optional)
- 2) Apply the paste
 - If using smaller posters, spread paste over the wall first
 - For larger posters, apply paste to the back on the ground, then position on the wall
 - Using a paint roller, apply a layer of wheatpaste. Soak every spot that flyer will cover.
- 3) Place the poster
 - Carefully position your poster on the pasted area
- 4) Smooth out the poster
 - Use a squeegee or smoother to eliminate air bubbles and wrinkles
- 5) Add another layer
 - Brush another layer of wheatpaste over poster. Make sure to cover all edges to seal it.
- 6) Final touches (optional)
 - To double up your efforts, bring a staple gun or apply a coat of acrylic floor liquid

2. STICKERING

1) PURCHASE STICKER PAPER

- **DETERMINE BEST SIZE:**
 - Think about where you want to put them; smaller ones are better for products in stores, for example, whereas bigger ones are better for public areas
 - Small rectangle sizes are typically cheapest, whereas large circles are more expensive (**note:** this does not apply if you are manually cutting the stickers)
- **CHOOSE BETWEEN TEMPLATE SHEETS OR MANUAL STICKER SHEETS:**
 - **OPTION 1 - TEMPLATES (RECOMMENDED)**
 - Easier → the stickers are pre-cut & the process is quicker/cheaper
 - Avery is the best combination of cheap & durable → [Main Link](#)
 - Works with both inkjet & laser printers
 - (30) RECTANGLES: [1" x 2-5/8" Blank Rectangle Labels](#)
 - SMALL (20) CIRCLES: [1-3/4" Blank Round Labels](#)
 - LARGE (12) CIRCLES: [2-1/4" Blank Round Labels](#)
 - SMALL (20) SQUARES: [1-1/2" Printable Square Labels](#)
 - LARGE (12) SQUARES: [2" x 2" Blank Square Labels](#)
 - Most paper and/or craft companies make papers based on the measurements above → just check their durability (Vinyl? Matte? Glossy?) & compatibility with printers (inkjet? laserjet?)
 - Vinyl = most durable; usually most \$\$\$; best for outdoors
 - Glossy = usually less durable & less \$\$\$; good for indoors
 - Read more about the best types for your needs [here](#) & [here](#)
 - **OPTION 2 - MANUAL** (i.e.: cut out stickers in whichever shape you want):
 - DURABLE/VINYL OPTIONS (most \$\$\$; most durable): [Printer Sticker Paper Vinyl](#); [Vinyl Sticker Paper](#)
 - CLEAR/GLOSSY (less \$\$\$; medium durability, but transparent): [8-1/2" x 11", Inkjet Printer, 7 Glossy Clear Sheets \(4397\) | Avery.com](#)
 - MATTE (least \$\$\$; least durable): [8.5" x 11", White Stickers Labels - TownStix](#)

2) CHOOSE OR MAKE A DESIGN

- You can use our [custom stickers](#).
- If you choose to make your own, make sure it fits in the template (if using a template)

3) PRINT STICKERS

- **OPTION 1** – Print at a store (ex: Staples) or with Avery*
 - Print at [Staples](#) (most office supply stores have an equivalent)
 - Print with Avery → [Custom Sheet Labels by Avery WePrint](#)
 - * Note: this is only a delivery service; \$0 shipping if over \$50
- **OPTION 2** – Use your own printer/a printer you have access to
 - Make sure to test one page first (refer to printing instructions of sticker paper)

3. KITE-MAKING

SUPPLIES

- ☐ 2 wooden dowels or sticks (one is shorter than the other)
 - ☐ Example size: 24 inches (61 cm) and 20 inches (51 cm)
- ☐ Plastic garbage bag, strong paper, or thin fabric
- ☐ Cotton string or twine
- ☐ Tape (masking tape preferred)
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Materials to decorate (optional)
 - ☐ Colored pencils
 - ☐ Markers
 - ☐ Colored paper

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Make a lowercase T-shape with your sticks. The shorter stick should be horizontal, while the longer stick is vertical. Attach the sticks together with glue, tape or string.
- 2) Make horizontal notches at the end of each stick. Use scissors to make 1 notch at the end of each stick. These notches should run horizontally, or across the width of the stick. Make them deep enough to fit the string you are going to use to attach the sail.
 - If you're using very thin sticks and string, you can poke holes into the ends of the sticks instead of making notches.
- 3) Stretch the string around the frame. Loop the string around the top notch on the frame, wrapping it once around the stick. Then loop the string through the rest of the notches to create the frame of your kite.
- 4) Use a plastic bag, paper, or fabric that is a little larger than your frame to create the sail. You can be creative here and use whatever you have!
- 5) Fold the edge of your sail over the frame and glue and tape it down. Run a thin line of super glue on the frame and press the edge of the sail on the frame to keep it in place.
- 6) Attach the flying line. Use a string that is at least 20 inches long for the flying line. Poke a small hole right above where the 2 sticks meet large enough to fit the flying line. Then pull the line through the hole and tie it tightly across the cross point.
- 7) Decorate! Draw, paint, add whatever details you'd. As soon as you are done, you are ready to bring it to your next demonstration.
- If you need a video for more detail, check out [this reel on Instagram](#).

4. PROJECTIONS

SUPPLIES

- ☐ Projector
- ☐ Projector power source (plug in power source, generator, battery)
- ☐ Laptop or any media source material
- ☐ Cable to connect media player to projector
- ☐ Camera for documentation

MESSAGING

- Your messaging can be created on your laptop through PowerPoint, Google Slides, or any other presentation software to then be plugged into your projector.
- Tailor your messaging based what the goals of your projection (i.e. exposing an institution for its complicity in Palestinian genocide, a general awareness campaign, promoting an upcoming event etc)

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

- <https://beautifultrouble.org/toolbox/tool/guerrilla-projection>
- <https://theilluminator.org/wp-content/uploads/projection-tip-sheet.pdf>

5. BODY BAGS

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- ☐ Fabric: Durable, lightweight fabric like canvas, muslin, or heavyweight cotton. The color can be white, black, or another color symbolic to your cause.
- ☐ Cutting Tools: Fabric scissors or a rotary cutter for precise cuts.
- ☐ Measuring Tools: A tape measure and a straight edge or ruler.
- ☐ Sewing Supplies: A sewing machine (preferable for sturdiness), thread that matches your fabric, sewing needles, and pins.
- ☐ Closure Mechanisms: Velcro strips, zippers, or fabric ties, depending on how you want to seal the bags.
- ☐ Optional filling: Effigies or lightweight materials like paper or foam for a more three-dimensional look.

PREPARING THE FABRIC

- 1) Measure and cut
 - Decide on the dimensions for your body bags
 - If representing children, cut out smaller pieces
 - Measure and cut your fabric accordingly
 - (Optional) iron fabric
- 2) Fold and pin
 - Fold the fabric in half, with the inside facing out
 - Pin along the two longer sides and one of the shorter sides, leaving one short side open
- 3) Sewing
 - Using a sewing machine or hand-stitch, sew along the pinned edges. Leave about a half-inch seam allowance
- 4) Turn inside-out
 - Turn the bag right side out through the open end
- 5) Adding a closure
 - Decide whether you're using thread, velcro, a zipper, or ties
 - Attach closure
 - Sew the closure mechanism to the open end. Ensure it's securely attached.
- 6) Add messages or symbols (optional)

6. BANNER DROPS

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR BANNER

- ☐ Fabric material for banner
- ☐ Paint
- ☐ Brushes
- ☐ Markers or chalk
- ☐ Pins
- ☐ Cardboard or plastic bags
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Grommet kit
- ☐ Projector

MAKING YOUR BANNERS

- Find a room to make banners. Be sure it is a big space, easy to clean (classrooms with projectors are convenient spaces to create banners so your group doesn't have to figure out projection set up).
- Create banner on a presentation software such as powerpoint or canva
- Hang your banner on the wall where the projector will project - make sure it's even and straight and begin tracing!
- Once you're done tracing lay your banner over your plastic bags or cardboard to begin painting and leave out to dry once complete!

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR DROP

- ☐ Zip ties
- ☐ Flags
- ☐ Banner
- ☐ Water
- ☐ Scissors

Note: check to see if there are sidewalks & railings to ensure you are able to successfully execute your banner drop.

7. STUDENT CONTINGENTS

Mobilizing your base by attending protests in contingents is a powerful way of showing unity among the student sector in the community. Organize and art build, locate a meeting spot for everyone to convene at and attend your local protests collectively! If you are building up to any campaigns this can also be a means for you to bring awareness to such campaigns. Print out fliers, deliver speeches, and let thousands know the power that students are wielding!

GETTING STUDENTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY INVOLVED:

- Whether your school is a commuter school, or a residential campus you can connect with students in your area. Connect through group chats and organizations to mobilize the student sector of the community and invite them to join your contingent
- **Organize an art build:** Create signs, banners, & messaging to demarcate your sector
- **Meet up before the action:** Get to know the students participating in your contingent by organizing a meeting time and place before your contingent and head to the action together.
- **Make your presence known!:** Bring the signs and banners your group created and show the world that the students of your communities stand with Palestine!
- **Continue the momentum:** It is a responsibility to ensure momentum does not die down. Ensure you provide a way to stay in touch with students that participate in your contingents and make sure you all continue to show up!